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NEW SOVIET LEATHER PRODUCTS MADE FROM FISH AND SEAL SKINS

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Two and a half years ago, the Solid industrial artel in Tallin began tanning fish skins. At present, this work has expanded considerably. Several industrial artels have begun to tan fish skins. Skins of weevers, dog salmon, and cod, coming from Arkhangel'sk, Murmansk, and Khabarovsk, are being tanned. The hide of dolphins and white whales is used for making thick soles. Recently, the Sangar artel in Tartu received whaleskins from Murmansk which will be made into sole leather.

Eight industrial artels in Tallin and Tartu now make various kinds of shoes, women's purses, women's handbags, gloves, and briefcases from fish skins.(1)

The Kroom Tannery in Pyarnu, under the direction of Chief Engineer Kamyanskiy, changed the technological process utilized for treating sealskin and worked out a new method for preparing patent and chrome leather. This sealskin will be used for producing footwear.

The experience of the Kroom Plant is now being utilized by the Union Leather Combine in Tallin which has begun manufacture of patent leather from sealskin for haberdashery. (2)

SOURCES

1. Izvestiya, 7 Jan 50
2. Sovetskaya Estoniya, 19 Nov 49

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